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ONE MAN
HOPE TO WIN--



“AGAINST THE
MIGHTY
MUTROIDS?”

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THE MARK OF THE MUTROID!



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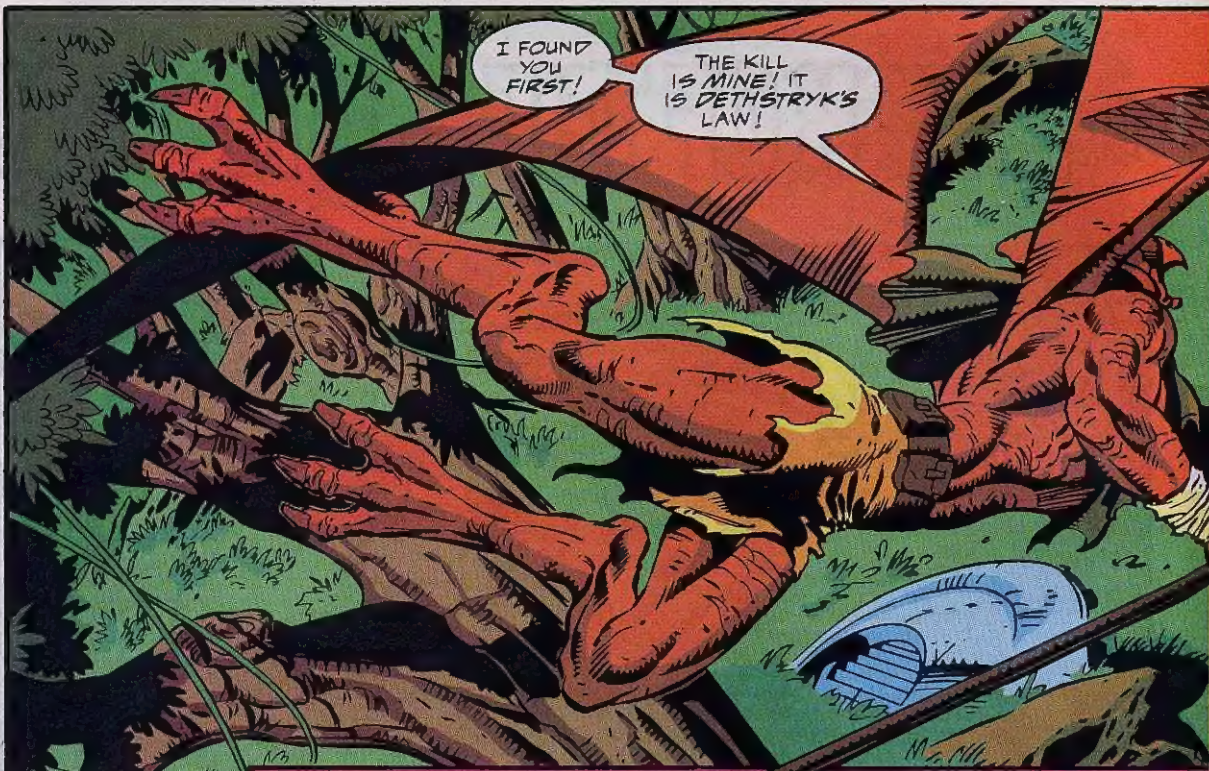
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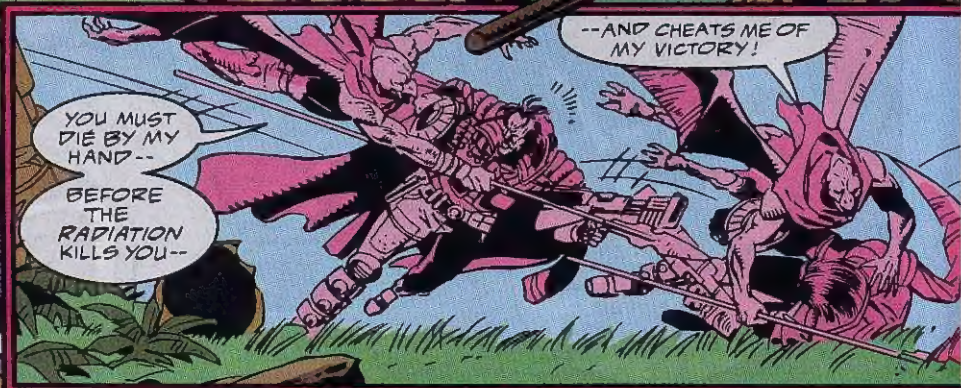
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I FOUND
YOU
FIRST!

THE KILL
IS MINE! IT
IS DETHSTRYK'S
LAW!



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HAND--

BEFORE
THE
RADIATION
KILLS YOU--

--AND CHEATS ME OF
MY VICTORY!



YA SHOULDN'TA
SAID THAT,
BIRD BEAK!

NOW
YA WENT
'N GOT ME
MAD!

ZISK!



LISTEN!
GUNFIRE!

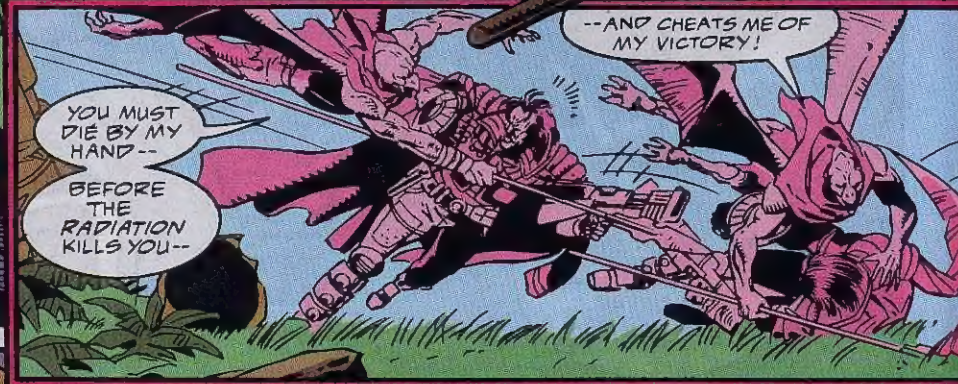


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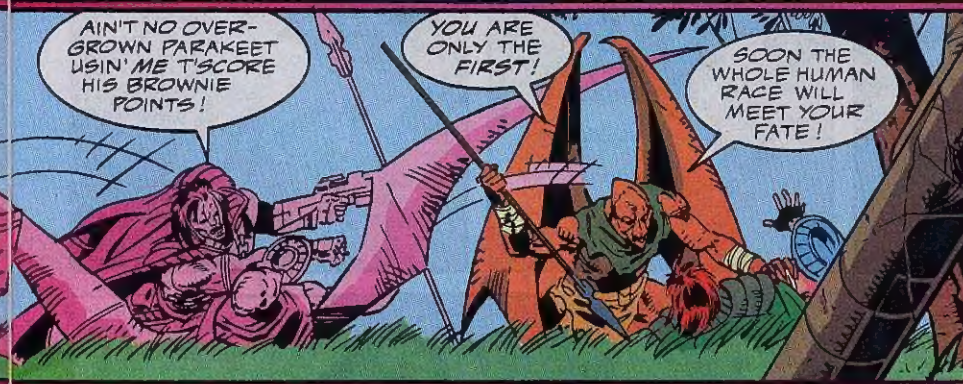


YOU WANT ME? COME GET ME! THAT'S RAVAGE'S LAW!



YOU MUST DIE BY MY HAND-- BEFORE THE RADIATION KILLS YOU--

--AND CHEATS ME OF MY VICTORY!



AIN'T NO OVER-GROWN PARAKEET USIN' ME T'SCORE HIS BROWNIE POINTS!

YOU ARE ONLY THE FIRST!

SOON THE WHOLE HUMAN RACE WILL MEET YOUR FATE!



YA SHOULDN'TA SAID THAT, BIRD BEAK!

NOW YA WENT 'N GOT ME MAD!

ZISK!



LISTEN! GUNFIRE!



IT'S THE HUMAN! HE'S JUST AHEAD!



MY BONES--HURT LIKE THEY'RE TWISTIN' INSIDE O' ME! MUST BE THE RADIATION!

SO WHAT! CAN'T KNUCKLE UNDER NOW! THERE'S MORE 'TROIDS COMIN'!



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ME? COME
GET ME! THAT'S
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THE RADIATION!

SO WHAT!
CAN'T KNUCKLE
UNDER NOW!
THERE'S MORE
TROIDS
COMIN'!



THERE HE GOES! HE'S MINE!

NO! HE BELONGS TO THE ONE WHO KILLS HIM!

I'M BEGINNIN' T'FEEL LIKE A SHOCKIN' TROPHY!



MEBBE I OUGHTTA LET 'EM GET ME!

ANYTHING'S BETTER THAN THIS PAIN IN MY GUT!

NO! CAN'T LET 'EM THINK ANY HUMAN'S A PUSH-OVER!



HELLROCK'S LIKE A BIG JUNGLE JUNK-YARD--LOADED WITH INDUSTRIAL GARBAGE!



THEY'RE RIGHT BELOW ME!

HERE'S WHERE THAT GARBAGE COMES IN HANDY!



GOTTA KEEP PUSHIN'! NEVER MIND THE PAIN! NEVER MIND ANYTHING--JUST **PUSH!**

RED-HOT POKERS INSIDE MY BRAIN--STABBIN' POUNDIN', TRYIN' T'GET OUT!

MY GUT'S ON FIRE! FERGET IT! DON'T THINK! DON'T FEEL! JUST **PUSH!**





I DID IT!
THAT'LL SLOW 'EM
LONG ENOUGH
T'GIVE ME TIME
TO-- TO--
WHAT?

I'M JUST
FIGHTIN' OUTTA
FORCE OF
HABIT--

--TILL THE
RADIATION ENDS
IT FOR ME!

IS RAVAGE
STILL AT
LARGE, MY
LORD?

WHAT DOES IT
MATTER? HE HAS
BEEN EXPOSED TO
ENOUGH RADIATION
TO KILL HIM--

--OR TRANSFORM
HIM INTO ANOTHER
OF MY MUTROID
SLAVES!



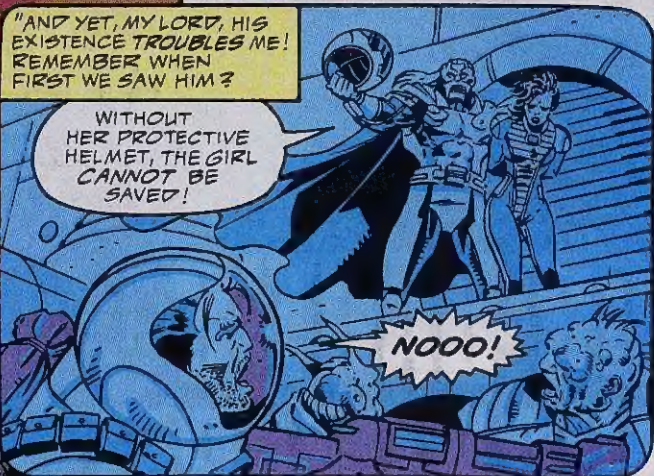
THAT IS
TRUE, MY
LORD, AND
YET--

SPEAK, SEERESS!
OF ALL ON HELLROCK,
YOU ALONE HAVE THE
RIGHT TO QUESTION
MY JUDGMENT!

WHEN THE
VEIL OF THE
FUTURE IS LIFTED
FOR ME, I SEE
MANY THINGS
CLEARLY...

"AND YET, MY LORD, HIS
EXISTENCE TROUBLES ME!
REMEMBER WHEN
FIRST WE SAW HIM?

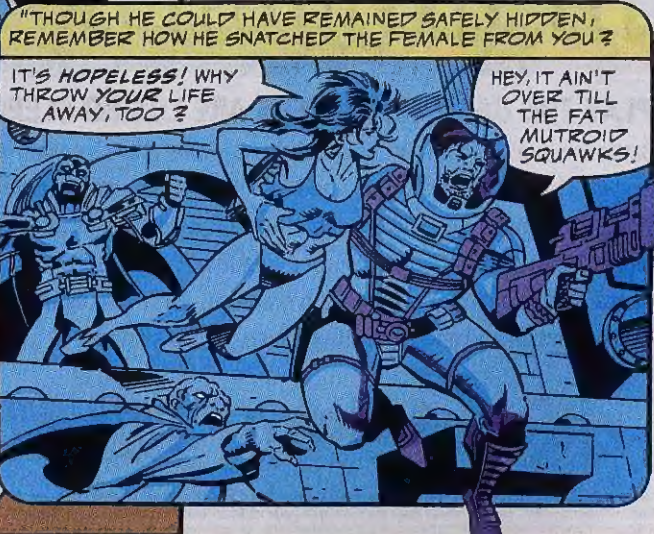
WITHOUT
HER PROTECTIVE
HELMET, THE GIRL
CANNOT BE
SAVED!



"THOUGH HE COULD HAVE REMAINED SAFELY HIDDEN,
REMEMBER HOW HE SNATCHED THE FEMALE FROM YOU?

IT'S HOPELESS! WHY
THROW YOUR LIFE
AWAY, TOO?

HEY, IT AIN'T
OVER TILL
THE FAT
MUTROID
SQUAWKS!



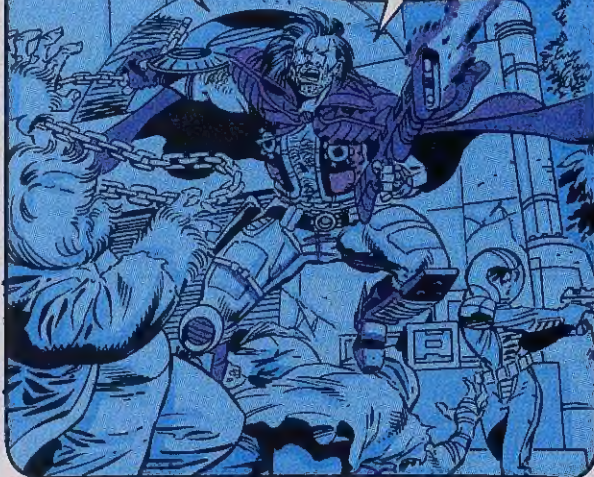
BUT THE
SPECTER OF
RAVAGE IS
EVER BLURRED,
EVER DIM--
EVER THREAT-
ENING!

IMPOSSIBLE!
HE IS BUT ONE
MORTAL MAN, WITH
NO MUTROID POWER,
DOOMED BY THE
RADIATION ON
HELLROCK!

"SEEMINGLY WITHOUT ANY SPECIAL SUPER POWER, DID RAVAGE NOT FIGHT LIKE A MAN POSSESSED?"

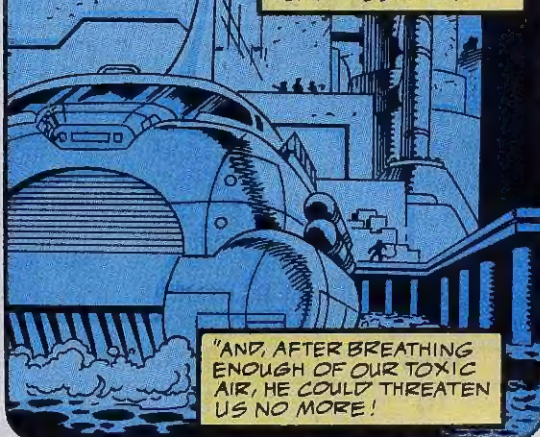
HANG IN THERE, TIANA!

YOU'RE GETTIN' OUTTA HERE--NO MATTER WHAT!



"I KNOW YOU COULD HAVE STOPPED HIM, MY LORD--BUT I SUSPECT YOU HAD A SPECIAL REASON FOR ALLOWING HIM TO SAVE THE FEMALE!"

"YES, SEERESS! I KNEW ONCE SHE WAS SAFE, HE WOULD REMAIN BEHIND!"



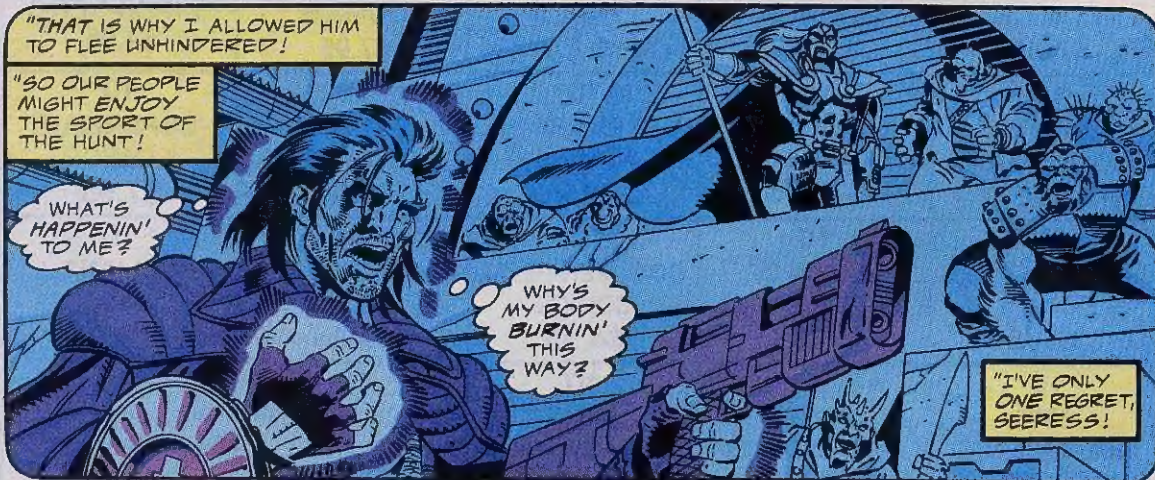
"AND, AFTER BREATHING ENOUGH OF OUR TOXIC AIR, HE COULD THREATEN US NO MORE!"

"THAT IS WHY I ALLOWED HIM TO FLEE UNHINDERED!"

"SO OUR PEOPLE MIGHT ENJOY THE SPORT OF THE HUNT!"

WHAT'S HAPPENIN' TO ME?

WHY'S MY BODY BURNIN' THIS WAY?



"I'VE ONLY ONE REGRET, SEERESS!"

"THE RADIATION WILL NOT ALLOW HIM TO AMUSE US FOR LONG!"

EYESIGHT'S GETTIN' BLURRY! EVERY-THING'S SPINNIN' AROUND!

GOTTA GET AWAY! GOTTA FIND A PLACE I THINK!



SO THE GAME DRAWS TO AN END, AND NO HARM DONE.

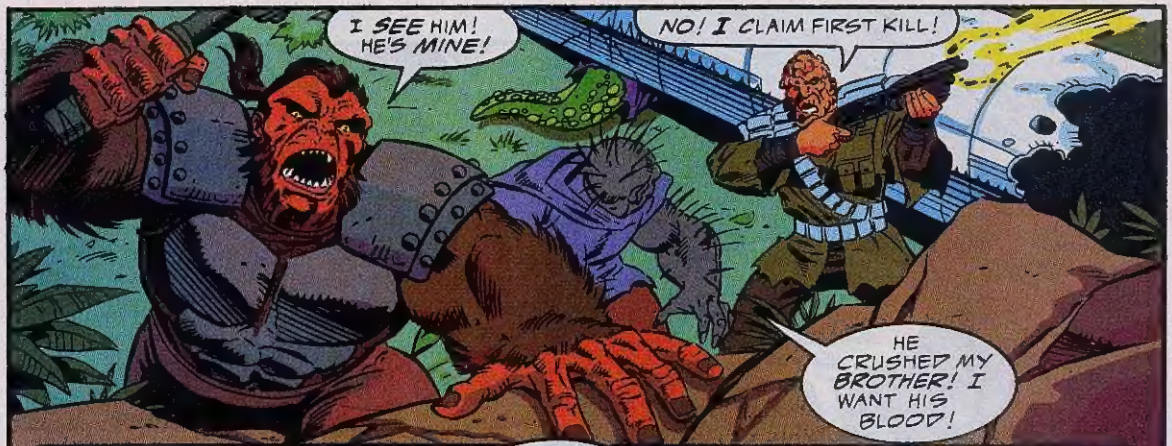
I WISH I COULD SHARE YOUR CONFIDENCE, MY LORD!

YOU ARE TROUBLED STILL?

THERE IS MORE TO RAVAGE THAN WE KNOW!



FATE HAS NOT YET PLAYED HER FINAL CARD!



I SEE HIM!
HE'S MINE!

NO! I CLAIM FIRST KILL!

HE
CRUSHED MY
BROTHER! I
WANT HIS
BLOOD!

GRRREAT! I'M
OUTTA AMMO!

IF NOT FOR MY
KEVLAR-LINED
COAT, THERE'D
BE ENUFF PIECES
OF ME FOR ALL
OF 'EM!

MY HEAD'S
SPINNIN', EYES
BLURRIN' AND
MY BODY'S
BURNIN'!

ON TOP O' THAT, I
GOT NO BLASTER
T'SHOOT WITH!

AN ICE
CUBE IN A
FURNACE WOULD
HAVE A BETTER
CHANCE THAN
ME!



IF I HAD
ANY BRAINS, I'D
JUST CASH
IT IN!

CAN'T DIE
MORE THAN
ONCE!

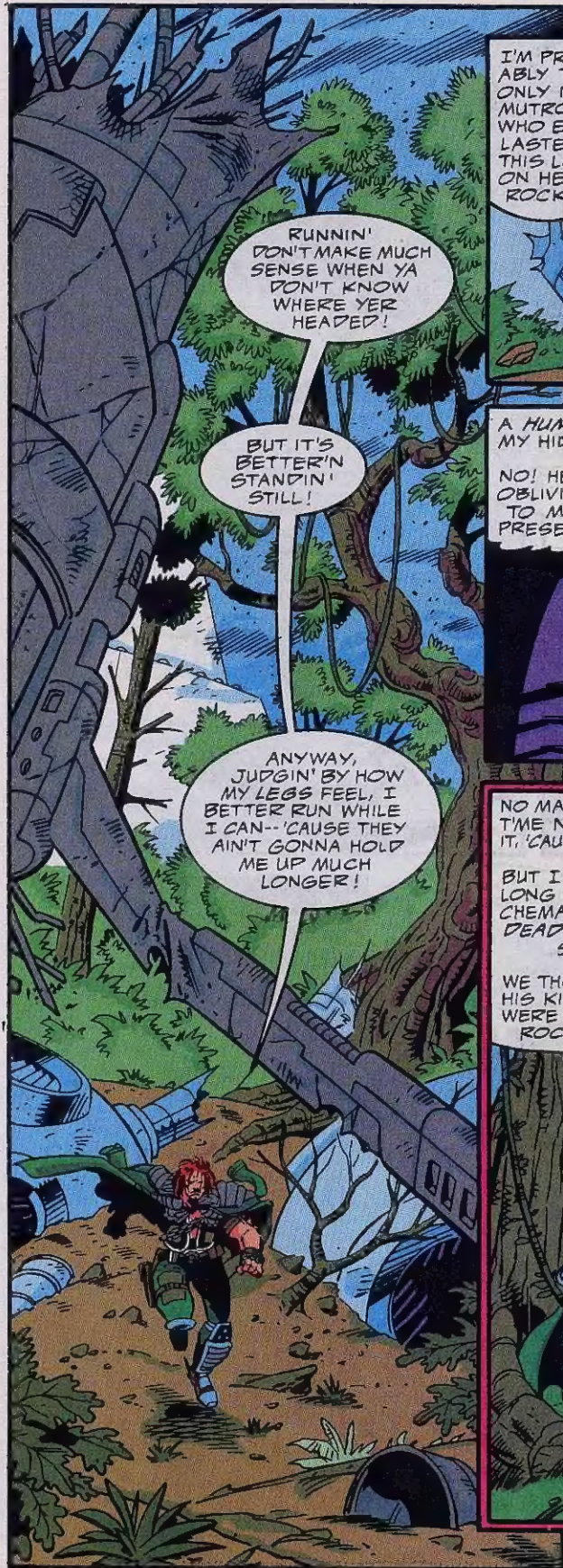
SAW A
GUY DO THIS
IN AN OLD
MOVIE
ONCE!

IT SURE
AS SHOCK
LOOKED EASIER
UP THERE ON
THE SCREEN!



BUT IF I HAD
ANY BRAINS, I
WOULDN'T BE
HERE IN THE
FIRST PLACE!

OOWWW!
BLASTED
RADIATION!
NOW MY LEGS
ARE GOIN'
BACK ON ME!



RUNNIN' DON'T MAKE MUCH SENSE WHEN YA DON'T KNOW WHERE YER HEADED!

BUT IT'S BETTER'N STANDIN' STILL!

ANYWAY, JUDGIN' BY HOW MY LEGS FEEL, I BETTER RUN WHILE I CAN-- 'CAUSE THEY AIN'T GONNA HOLD ME UP MUCH LONGER!

I'M PROBABLY THE ONLY NON-MUTROID WHO EVER LASTED THIS LONG ON HELL-ROCK!

SOME SHOCKIN' BIG DEAL!

A HUMAN! HE'S FOUND MY HIDING PLA--!

NO! HE IS OBVIOUS TO MY PRESENCE!

BUT THEN, WHY--?

NO MATTER WHAT HAPPENS T'ME NOW-- IT WUZ WORTH IT, 'CAUSE TIANA'S SAFE!

BUT I GOTTA STAY ALIVE LONG ENOUGH T'WARN AL-CHEMAX THAT DETHSTRYK'S DEADLIER THAN ANYONE SUSPECTS!

WE THOUGHT HIM AND HIS KILLER MUTROIDS WERE STUCK ON HELL-ROCK FOREVER--

BUT HE'S COOKIN' UP AN INVASION AND--

PUT A LID ON THE DAY-DREAMIN', RAVAGE!

THEM FOOTSTEPS BACK THERE AIN'T EXACTLY THE WELCOME WAGON!



BUT WHEN I'M DONE WITH 'EM, THEY'LL BE SORRY THEY AIN'T!



HE WAS HERE A MINNIT AGO!
HIS SCENT'S STILL WARM!

FAN OUT! HE'S
GOTTA BE HIDIN'
SOMEWHERE!

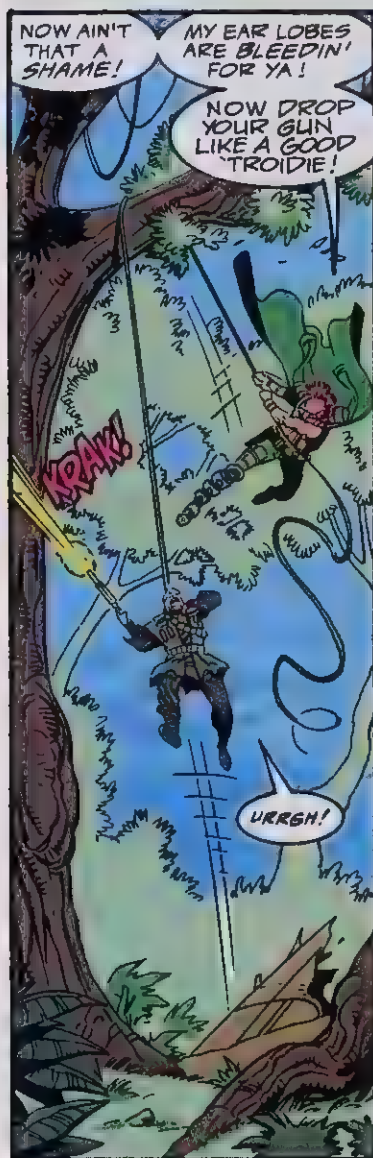
DETHSTRYK
SAID WE COULD
KILL 'IM IF WE
WANTED!

YEAH, BUT
WE'RE GONNA
DO IT NICE
N' SLOW!



WE
WANNA
MAKE IT
LAST!

WE
DONT GET
MUCH CHANCE
T'KILL US A
HUMAN!



NOW AIN'T
THAT A
SHAME!

MY EAR LOBES
ARE BLEEDIN'
FOR YA!

NOW DROP
YOUR GUN
LIKE A GOOD
TROIDIE!

KRAK!

URRSH!



A SHOT!
ANGORR
FOUND 'IM!

C'MON!
WE GOTTA
GET THERE
BEFORE HE
DONT LEAVE
NOTHIN'
FOR US!



WHAT
TH' SHOCK?!
ANGORR
MUST'A TOOK
'IM ALL FOR
HIMSELF!



GOOD NEWS,
BLUE EYES!
THERE'S ENUFF
O' ME T'GO
AROUND!

BULLPEN BULLETINS



STAN'S SOAPBOX

Hi, Heroes!

This is a very solemn moment for me, and I know it will be for you, too. You see, since this is Marvel's 30th Anniversary, our editorial staff felt now would be the perfect time to present one of the most momentous documents we've ever printed! Think of this as Marvel's New Year's gift to you — and to all mankind!

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Preamble

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- 7 The right to be told what is currently happening in Marvel's mags and what is being planned for the future.
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- 10 The right to expect Marvel always to maintain a dedication to quality, a commitment to decency, and a sense of humor about everything we do.

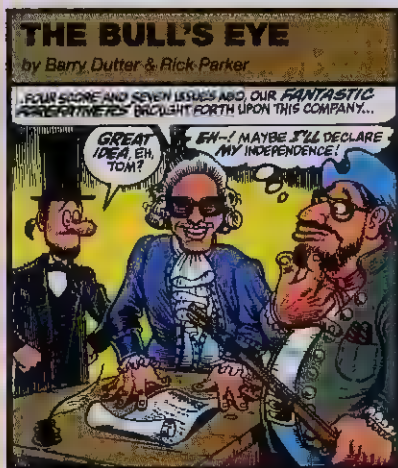
So be it! No mere words of mine can add to the glory and grandeur of those ten immortal declarations, those ten pillars of wisdom which shall inspire the mighty world of Marvel now and evermore!

Excelsior!

Stan
Stan Lee

It's the beginning of a new year, and you know what that means — time to double the Marvel line again! These days, we've got more titles than ever before. We asked the Marvel editors what they're most excited about for '93. Here's what they had to say...

Hildy Mesnik: "The MIDNIGHT SONS UNLIMITED. We've got some fabulous creators working on this book, including Klaus Janson, Joe Quesada, Howard Mackie, D.G. Chichester, John Romita Jr., Mark Texeira, Bill Sienkiewicz, and Gene Colan!"



Don Daley: "I'm excited about new penciler Kelly Krantz on SLEEPWALKER ... I'm blown away by McKone and McKenna on PUNISHER WAR ZONE ... Elliot R. Brown has totally surpassed himself on PUNISHER ARMORY #6 ... We've got Michael Golden coming back to do some stuff for 'THE NAM' ..."

Marie Javins: "TOR is cool because it's Joe Kubert. It's all-new stuff, with savage, primitive, mean dinosaurs. LANCE BARNES, POST-NUKE DICK is just totally cool. It's about a detective who travels around with his one-legged secretary named Peg, fighting vigilantes who dress up like dogs. It's by Stefan Petrucha and Barry Crain, and it's out this spring."

Marcus McLaurin: "The Barkerverse."

It's four titles that are going to rip the lid off of comics next summer: ECTOKID, HYPERKIND, SAINT SINNER, and HOKUM AND HEX."

Nel Yomtov: "It's got to be the 30th anniversary of Iron Man. He's got a new suit of armor beginning this month. Tony Stark is back and he comes back to full-strength in issue #300, with another new suit and a holo-cover. Rhodey will keep the War Machine armor."

Bob Harras: "We've got so much good stuff — DEADPOOL, CABLE, SABRETOOTH ... But the big news is the 30th anniversary of the X-MEN. As much excitement as Nel feels about Iron Man, I feel a quantum leap above that for the X-Men!"

Bobbie Chase: "In June we have the Midnight Sons crossover blow-out, which is tentatively called 'All Hell Breaks Loose.' This will be in all five Midnight Sons books. I'm also very excited about the new art team on the HULK, Gary Frank and Cam Smith, with good ol' Peter David staying aboard as writer."

Mort Todd: "I'm doing an adaptation of THE SCREWTAPE LETTERS, which is a really good story written by C.S. Lewis, the fantasy writer. I've got a new line of true crime and horror comics starting up. Mostly I'm just excited about actually getting some titles out!"

Joey Calvieri: "I'm most excited about MOON KNIGHT. We're totally changing the book. Wait til you get a load of the things James Fry and Chris Ivy are doing in that book! I'm also excited about the new 2099 UNLIMITED book — it offers a tremendous wealth of possibilities for creators to cut loose and explore the 2099 Universe."

Rob Tokar: "I'm excited about the super powers registration act storyline in ALPHA FLIGHT. This is where Canada passes the super hero registration act that didn't pass in 'Acts of Vengeance,' and Alpha Flight is caught in the middle of this controversy."

Fabian Nicieza: "FIGHT MAN by Evan Dorkin, coming out in March. It's super hero antics to the nth degree. It's a one-shot. Why? Because one shot is all he needs."

More editors and more excitement next week!

HYPELINE: ON SALE THIS WEEK

- **ALPHA FLIGHT #118:** Nobody fights forever against ... Thunderball!
- **AMAZING SPIDER-MAN #376:** 64-page holo-grafx metallic cover Spidey/Venom super-saga! Celebrating the 30th anniversary of AMAZING SPIDEX #11
- **BARBIE #27:** Barbie hunts a stolen pin, and Skipper confronts doggnappers! They're Marvel's newest crime-fighting sensations!
- **DARKHOLD #8:** Dr. Strange and Mor'dred duke it out for the mystical title!
- **DEATH'S HEAD #24:** Guest-starring the X-Men against Wraithchild!
- **GHOST RIDER #36:** Heart Attack places Ghost Rider under cardiac arrest!
- **GROO THE WANDERER #98:** Concluding the three-part "Wager of the Gods!"
- **GUARDIANS OF THE GALAXY #34:** Has Charlie-27's number finally come up?
- **PENDRAGON #2 #9:** It really is part of the Marvel Universe! Featuring Spider-Man!
- **QUASAR #44:** No P's — just Q's, as Quasar battles Quagmire!
- **RAVAGE 2099 #4:** Trapped on Helirock! Written by the Stan Lee of 2099!
- **SAVAGE SWORD OF CONAN #207:** Conan and the Spider God, Part One! With a cover by Mike Kaluta!
- **SECRET DEFENDERS #1:** The secret is out! Dr. Strange gathers Nomad, Darkhawk, Spider-Woman, and Wolverine to battle a deadly new foe!
- **SHADOW RIDERS #2 OF 4:** With Ghost Rider! A U.S. guest star in a U.K. book — what are the odds?
- **SILVER SABLE #10:** Sable and the Punisher are fishing for Leviathan!
- **SLEEPWALKER #22:** Part four of "Mindfield!" With Hobgoblin and 8-Ball!
- **TALES OF SUSPENSE #39:** MARVEL MILESTONE: Reprinting Iron Man's very first appearance!
- **WOLVERINE #67:** Wolverine relives his final spy mission in an issue that's for your eyes only!
- **WONDER MAN #19:** With more villains than you can shake a popsicle stick at!
- **X-MEN ADVENTURES #5:** The Morlocks kidnap Cyclops! It's Saturday morning excitement, but you can read it any time!

HERE'S A LITTLE MESSAGE
YA CAN GIVE T'DETHSTRYK
FOR ME!

I'D DELIVER
IT PERSONAL
IF HE WUZN'T
TOO YELLA
T'TACKLE
ME HIM-
SELF!

NO HUMAN
CAN BEAT A
MUTROID!

WHAT D'YA
DO, MAKE UP THEM
RULES AS YA
GO ALONG?

HEY! YER
BREATHIN'
ON ME!

JUST
MY LUCK! YER
BRAIN'S TOO
STUPID T'KNOW
I JUST SHOT
YA DEAD!

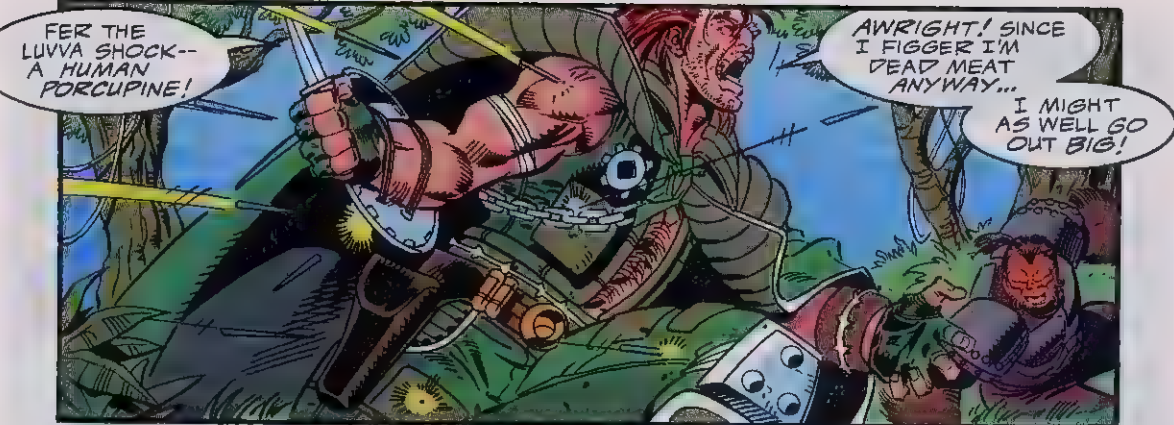
MY MUTROID
POWER IS IN MY CHEST!
NO BLAST CAN
PENETRATE IT!

NOW
YA
TELL
ME?

TAKE A
FLYIN' FLING
FOR YERSELF,
TILL I FIND SOME
OTHER SPOT
T'ZING YA!

HE'S
MINE! HE'S
MINE! I
CLAIM
HIS
BODY!

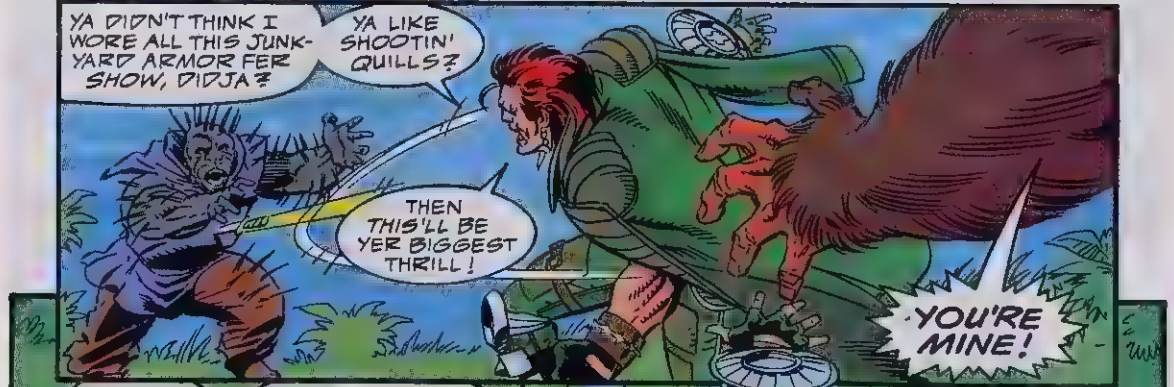
I'LL WIN IT
BY RELEASING
MY POISON
QUILLS!



FER THE
LUVVA SHOCK--
A HUMAN
PORCUPINE!

AWRIGHT! SINCE
I FIGGER I'M
DEAD MEAT
ANYWAY...

I MIGHT
AS WELL GO
OUT BIG!




YA DIDN'T THINK I
WORE ALL THIS JUNK-
YARD ARMOR FER
SHOW, DIDJA?

YA LIKE
SHOOTIN'
QUILLS?

THEN
THIS'LL BE
YER BIGGEST
THRILL!

**YOU'RE
MINE!**

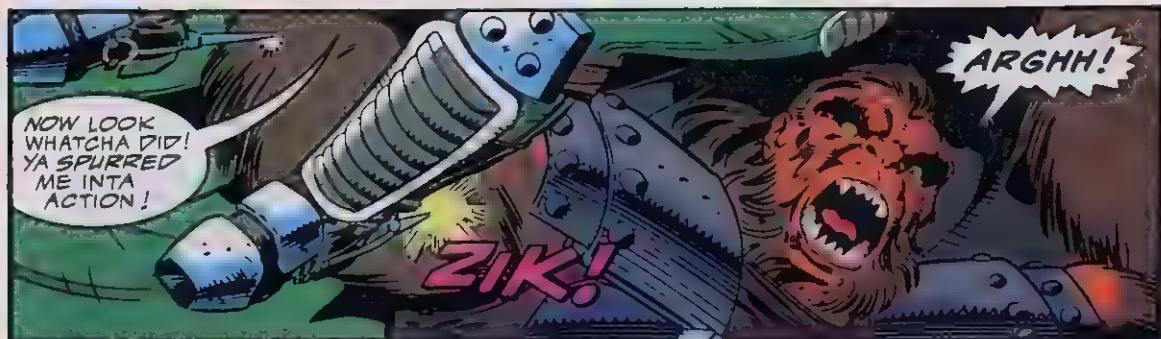


YOU DID
ME A
FAVOR,
HUMAN!

YOU DOWNED THE
OTHERS, SO I GET
YOU ALL TO
MYSELF!

FERGET
IT, MISTER!
I'M TOO
YOUNG T'GO
STEADY!

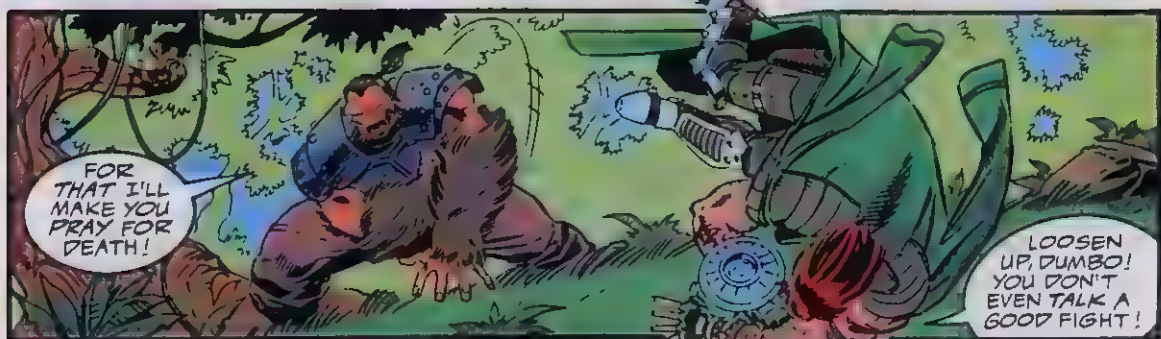
HOW FRAIL
AND WEAK YOU
HUMANS ARE!
THAT'S WHY
WE MUST
DESTROY
YOU!



NOW LOOK
WHATCHA DID!
YA SPURRED
ME INTA
ACTION!

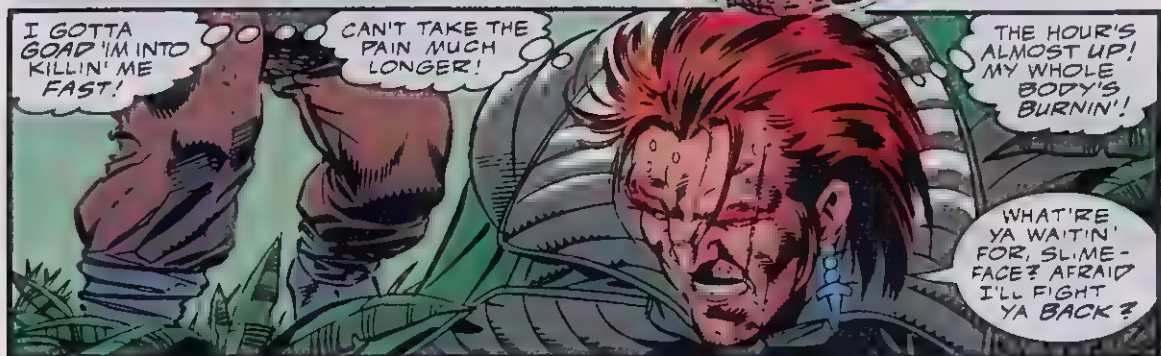
ARGHH!

ZIK!



FOR
THAT I'LL
MAKE YOU
PRAY FOR
DEATH!

LOOSEN
UP, DUMBO!
YOU DON'T
EVEN TALK A
GOOD FIGHT!



I GOTTA
GOAD 'IM
INTO
KILLIN' ME
FAST!

CAN'T TAKE THE
PAIN MUCH
LONGER!

THE HOUR'S
ALMOST UP!
MY WHOLE
BODY'S
BURNIN'!

WHAT'RE
YA WAITIN'
FOR, SLIME-
FACE? AFRAID
I'LL FIGHT
YA BACK?



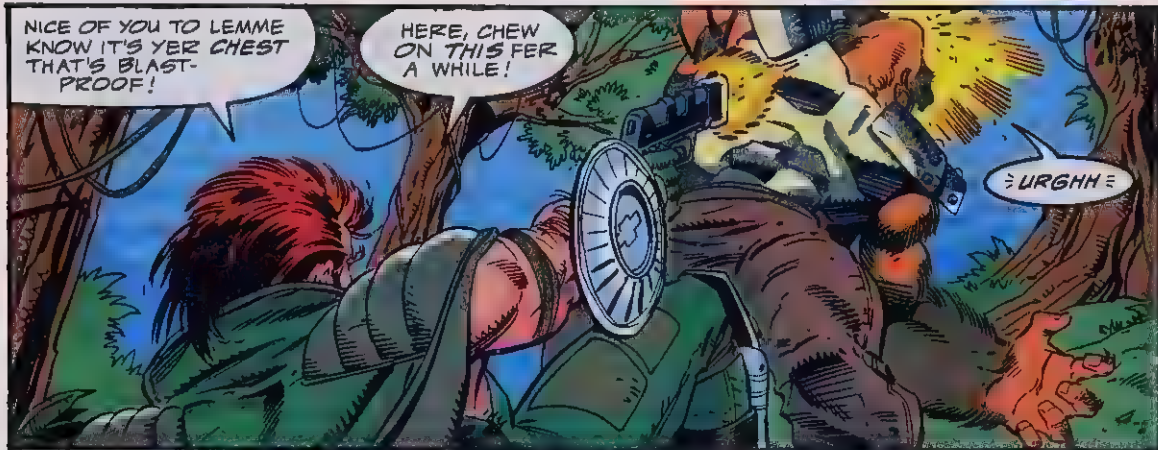
MUTROIDS ARE
AFRAID OF
NOTHING!

ONLY
HUMANS
KNOW
FEAR!

THIS IS IT!
CAN'T HOLD
OUT MUCH
LONGER!



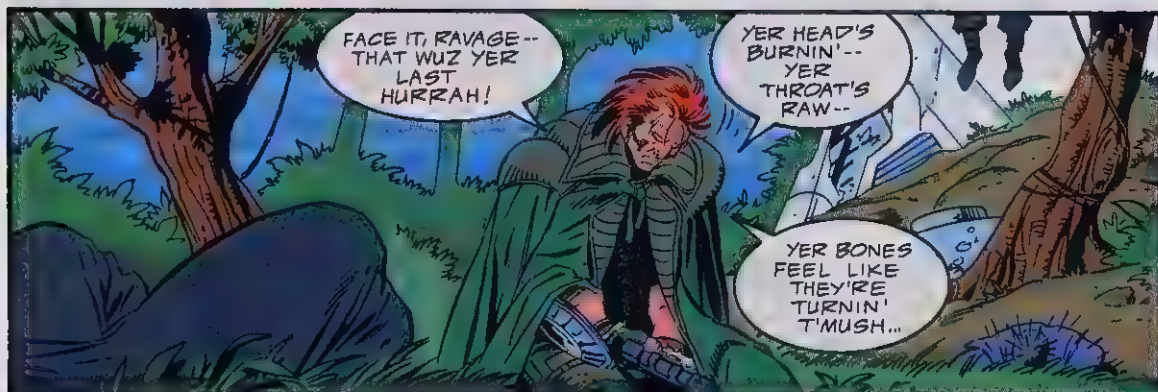
BUT NO WAY THIS MISBEGOTTEN
CRETIN'S GONNA GLOAT OVER
KILLIN' ME!



NICE OF YOU TO LEMME
KNOW IT'S YER CHEST
THAT'S BLAST-
PROOF!

HERE, CHEW
ON THIS FER
A WHILE!

URGHH



FACE IT, RAVAGE--
THAT WUZ YER
LAST
HURRAH!

YER HEAD'S
BURNIN'--
YER
THROAT'S
RAW--

YER BONES
FEEL LIKE
THEY'RE
TURNIN'
T'MUSH...



IT'S LIKE-- SOME
SHOCKIN' ANIMAL--
DRAGGIN' ITSELF
BACK TO ITS
LAIR-- TO
DIE!

'CEPT
ANY
ANIMAL'S
GOT IT
BETTER'N
ME--

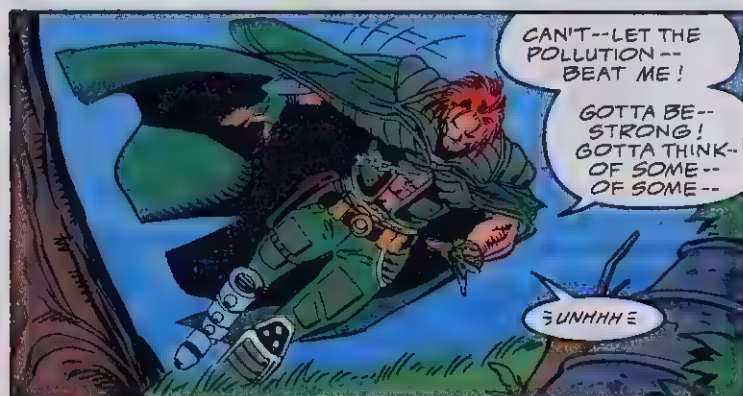
I
AIN'T
GOT A
LAIR!

NOTHIN'
LEFT BUT--
RADIATION--
EATIN' OUT
M'GUTS!



BUT I GOTTA KEEP
MOVIN'! GOTTA
FIND A WAY!

CAN'T CASH IN--
WITHOUT WARNIN'
ALCHEMAX!



CAN'T--LET THE
POLLUTION--
BEAT ME!

GOTTA BE--
STRONG!
GOTTA THINK--
OF SOME--
OF SOME--

SUNHHH

HIS BREATH IS WEAK--
BUT HE'S BREATHING.

PERHAPS
THERE'S STILL A
CHANCE.

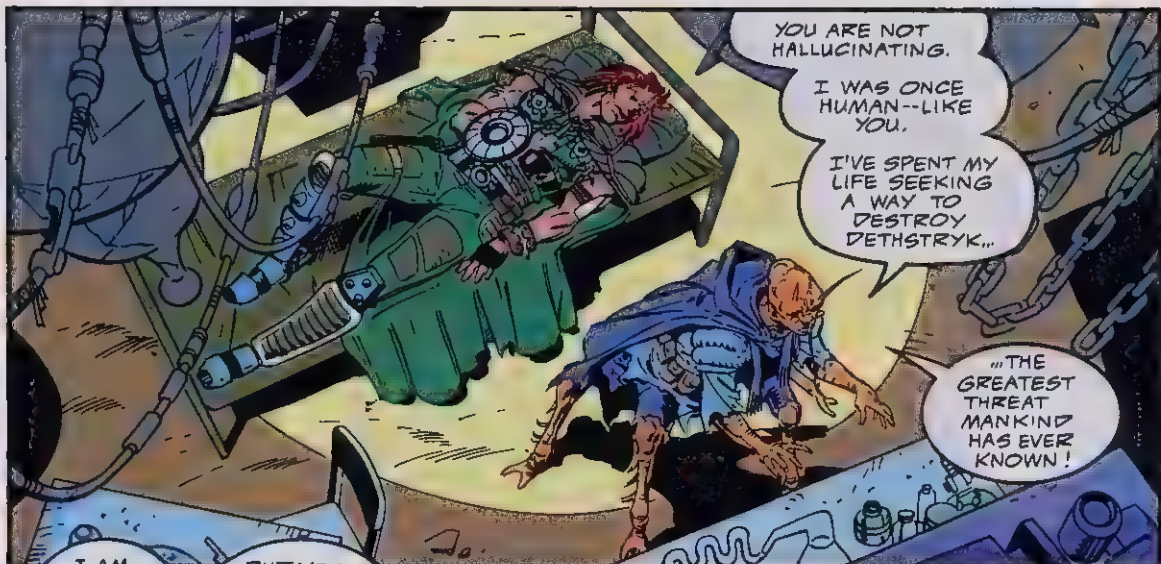
CAN YOU
HEAR ME?

I AM--
OR WAS--URSELL,
A GENETIC
SCIENTIST.

THE
RADIATION
HAS NOT YET
TOTALLY
CLAIMED
YOU.

JUST--
WHAT I
NEED--

A SHOCKIN'--
HALLUCINATION!



YOU ARE NOT
HALLUCINATING.

I WAS ONCE
HUMAN--LIKE
YOU.

I'VE SPENT
MY LIFE SEEKING
A WAY TO
DESTROY
DETHSTRYK...

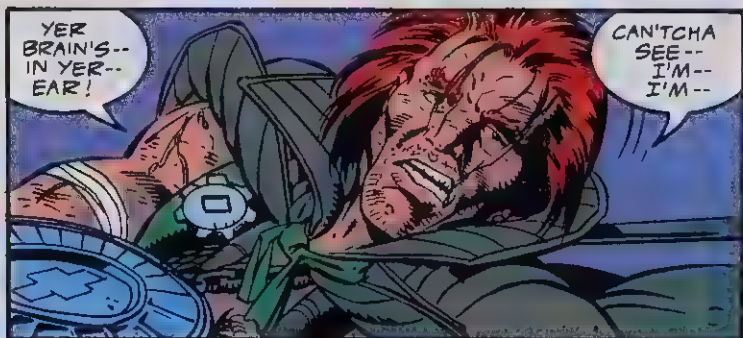
"THE
GREATEST
THREAT
MANKIND
HAS EVER
KNOWN!"



I AM
OLD AND
CLOSE TO
DEATH
MYSELF!

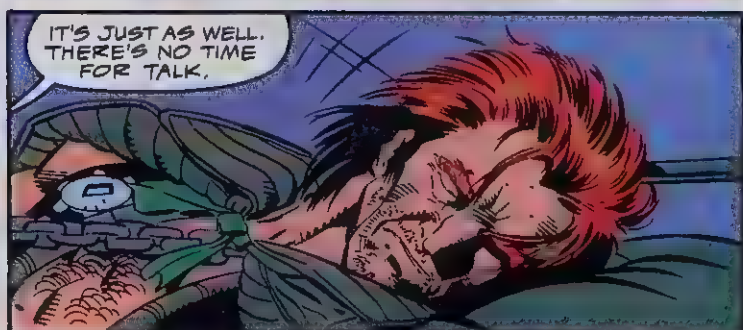
BUT YOU--
YOU ARE
YOUNG,
STRONG.

FATE
MUST
HAVE
SENT
YOU TO
ME.

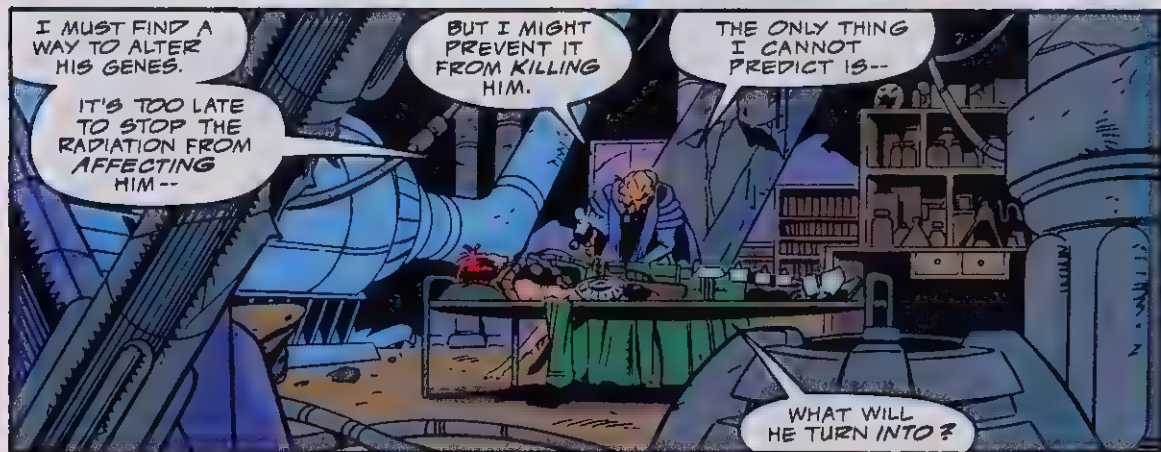


YER
BRAIN'S--
IN YER--
EAR!

CAN'TCHA
SEE--
I'M--
I'M--



IT'S JUST AS WELL.
THERE'S NO TIME
FOR TALK.



I MUST FIND A
WAY TO ALTER
HIS GENES.

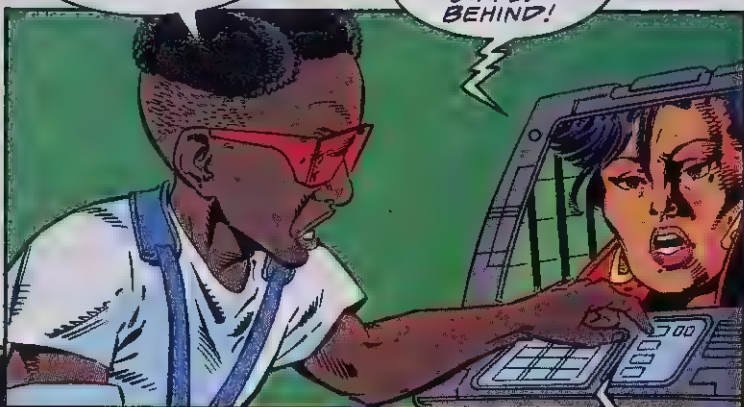
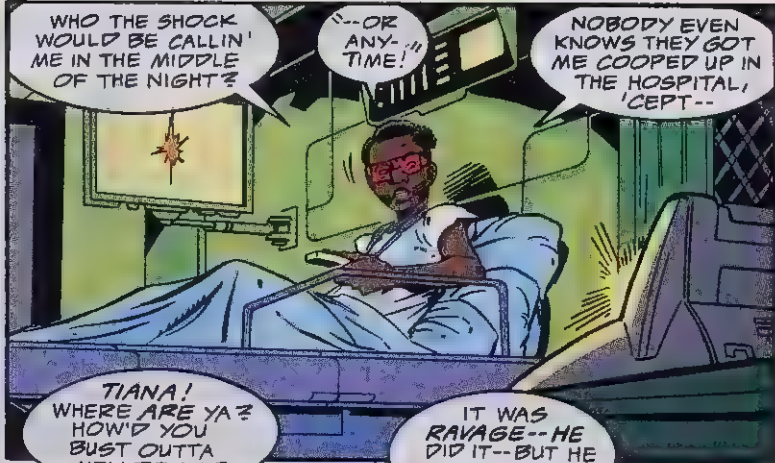
IT'S TOO LATE
TO STOP THE
RADIATION FROM
AFFECTING
HIM--

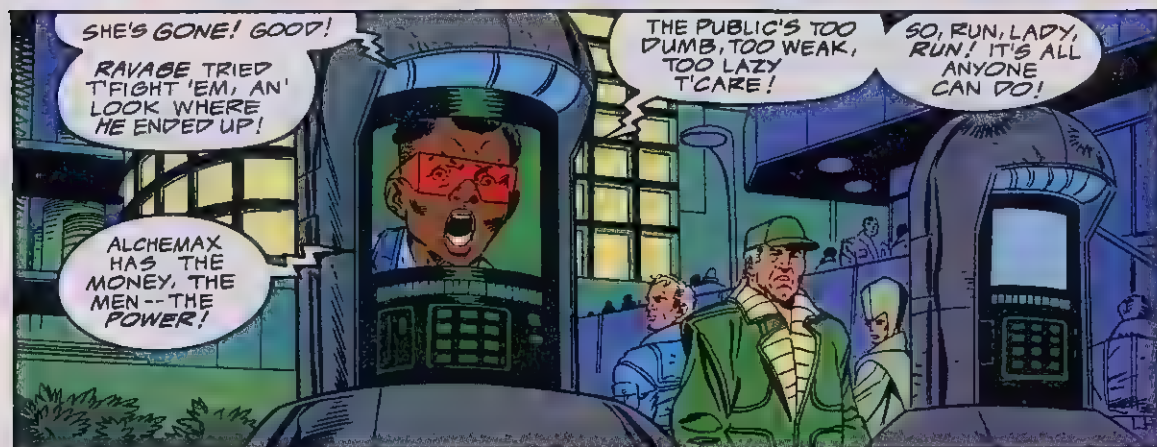
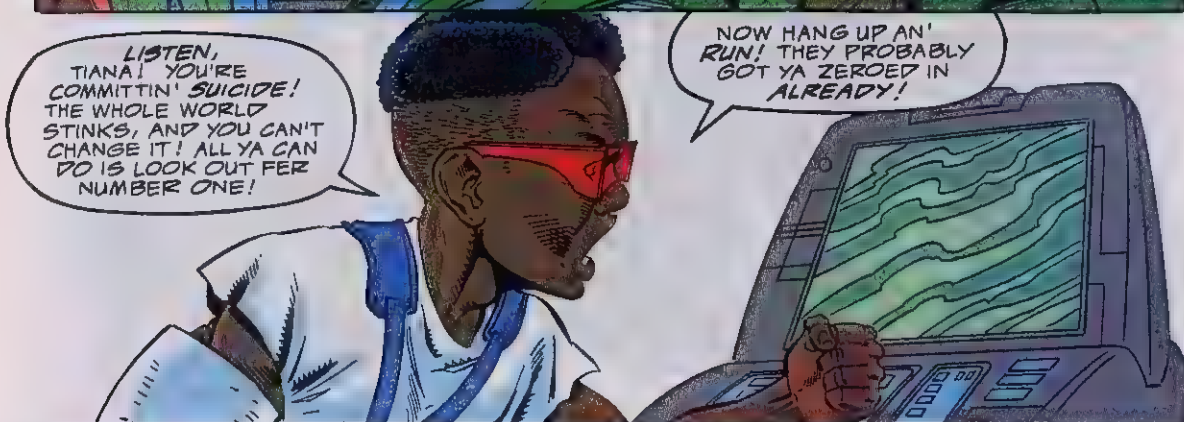
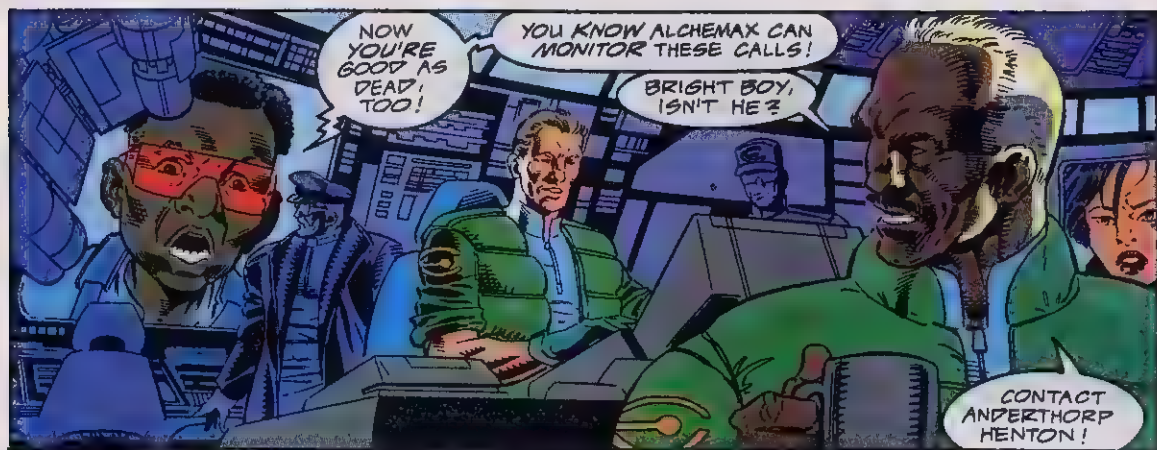
BUT I MIGHT
PREVENT IT
FROM KILLING
HIM.

THE ONLY THING
I CANNOT
PREDICT IS--

WHAT WILL
HE TURN INTO?

MEANWHILE, ONE THOUSAND MILES AWAY...





AS HEAD OF ALCHEMAX I'VE
REACHED THE PINNACLE
OF POWER!

ONLY DETHSTRYK
HAS THE ABILITY
TO DEFEAT ME!

BUT SO
LONG AS HE
STAYS ON
HELLROCK,
I'M SAFE!

SINCE THE PHYSICAL
WORLD CAN OFFER
ME NO ADDITIONAL
PLEASURES--

IT'S TIME TO
SEEK MY REWARD
IN MY PRIVATE
CHAMBER OF
VIRTUAL
REALITY!

COME
TO ME, MY
LOVELIES!

COME TO ANDERTHROP
HENTON, FOR I AM THE
EPITOME OF MANLY
PERFECTION!

YOU HAVE EYES
FOR NONE BUT ME!
YOU HAVE LIPS FOR
NONE BUT ME! YOU
HAVE LOVE FOR
NONE BUT ME!

WHILE THE MASTER OF
ALCHEMAX
INDULGES IN HIS
PRIVATE, COM-
PUTER-INDUCED
FANTASY...

ANOTHER MAN SLOWLY
AWAKENS TO A HARSH,
GRIM WORLD OF
FEARFUL REALITY...

IT IS
OVER,
RAVAGE!
YOU HAVE
SURVIVED!

IT IS
TIME TO
REMOVE
THE
BANDAGES!

I DON'T GET IT! I'M ALIVE! HOW CAN THAT BE?

IT ALL HAS TO DO WITH YOUR GENES!

BUT--IF YA ALTERED MY GENES--

THAT MEANS-- YA CHANGED ME-- SOME-HOW!

OF COURSE! IT WAS THE ONLY TRADE-OFF THAT WOULD SAVE YOUR LIFE!

BUT-- I FEEL TH' SAME!

I LOOK THE SAME!

THERE IS A CHANGE! BUT YOU MUST PRE-PARE-- FOR THE SHOCK!

EASE OFF! YOU AIN'T TALKIN' TO A KID!

VERY WELL, THEN! REMOVE YOUR GLOVES! SLOWLY-- CARE-FULLY!

SOME CHANGE! WHAT'D YA DO-- TRIM MY FINGER-NAILS?

WHOEVER YA ARE, I OWE YA, MISTER-- FER SAVIN' MY LIFE!



YES, RAVAGE,
YOU OWE ME
INDEED!

MORE
THAN
YOU CAN
EVER
KNOW!

MY
HANDS!!

WHAT
DIDJA DO
T' ME?

WHAT
DIDJA
DO?!!

NEXT:

"WITH THESE
HANDS..!!"

RANTS & RAVES

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OUT OF MY HEAD

I talked, Stan talked. Now it's your turn.

Dear Rants & Raves,
I'm truly surprised.

I had no intention of picking up any of Marvel's new 2099 line, with the possible exception of DOOM, since from all indications they'd just be the New Universe titles redone with established characters—or a close facsimile thereof. This, combined with the fact I saw Peter David's reading in San Diego and really wasn't impressed with the first issue plot. But when it hit the stands, the owner of the local comic shop was nice enough to give me a copy of RAVAGE #1. The surprising thing is that I actually enjoyed it.

The basic concept isn't anything we haven't seen before, but the quality of both script and art more than makes up for anything the plot may lack in originality. Stan Lee is, without question, one of the greats. His work here is some of the best I've seen from him in years. The characterizations are strong throughout, and the dialogue's a far cry from the 60's Spider-Man, as it seems everyone was expecting. In this day of young, upstart, wannabe writers, it's nice to be able to pick up a good, well thought out, enjoyable title from a master of the medium.

Paul Ryan and Keith Williams turned out an enjoyable offering. They are to be commended.

Like I said, I'm truly surprised. You can bet I'll stick around.

Marson Fredrick
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Then we'll stick with ya, Marson!

Dear Rants & Raves,

After reading SPIDER-MAN 2099 I was amazed at how well it was done. When I first heard about the new 2099 titles I knew that Spidey would be a hit. I immediately reserved four copies at my local comic shop. I thought that it would be my favorite 2099 title. A month later I picked up RAVAGE 2099. After reading it, I quickly changed my mind about my favorite 2099 title. The quality of artwork and writing surpassed SPIDEY 2099 by a mile. I like the idea of new characters in the 2099 universe instead of just futuristic versions of old characters. The story in RAVAGE is terrific. That Dethstryk guy on the last page looks really cool. I also liked Ravage's appearance in MARVEL COMICS PRESENTS #117. Will Ravage or any other 2099 characters be making guest appearances in MCP or any other Marvel mags? A good idea would be to create more original 2099 characters. You should give the X-MEN the 2099 treatment. Until

Eco gives Ravage his old job back, Make Mine Marvel!

Louis Kaiser
764 Eagle Drive
North Woodmere, NY 11581

Yikes! Which is it, Louis, new characters or old?

Dear Ranters,

Thanks for bringing us RAVAGE 2099. This book is choice! I was lucky enough to get issue #1. There were only two copies on the shelves. I read and immediately liked this book. From the cover to the last page, it's one of the best books Marvel's put out. I like Ravage because he has integrity when his bosses are corrupt. He has a past that he doesn't quite like to remember. He doesn't hide behind high-tech gadgets. Tiana's also a good character. Don't kill her off!

Merritt R. Davis
P.O. Box 119
Long Pond, PA 18334

Tiana's not going anywhere, Merritt!

Dear Joey & Sarra,

Even though I only read issue #1, it's a winner. How long are you keeping RAVAGE 2099 on the racks? Any crossovers coming?

Give Ravage a gun. Why does Alchemax have so much power? Can't the U.S. government shut it down? What's Hellrock?

Corey Laude
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W. Fargo, ND 58078

RAVAGE will be around as long as you Marvelites clamor for it! You also seem to be clamoring for a crossover, so Stan's planning one! Hellrock? Keep readin'. And in 2099, corporations govern.

Dear Rants & Raves,

Spectacular! Awesome! RAVAGE is superb! I admit when I first heard about this title, I cringed. I wasn't a big fan of Stan Lee's writing, but RAVAGE completely turned me for a 180! I only bought it for the 2099 gimmick, but WOW! The story caught me! It was like reading a novel. You stated in SPIDER-MAN 2099 that a fifth book was on the way. How about Daredevil, Captain America, Ghost Rider, Venom (please!), or Iron Man. Until Spider-Man trims his claws, Make Mine Marvel!

Ronnie Nanney
(Address withheld by request)

Leave it to Stan to make a True Believer out of everyone!

Dear Rants & Raves,

I've really enjoyed the 2099 series,

especially RAVAGE. Paul Ryan and Stan Lee have created a great new character! I love Ravage's attitude towards the enemy. Let's see Ravage handle Dethstryk like he does the others!

Justin Owens
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Stan 'n' Paul couldn't thank you more, Justin.

Dear Joey,

It's true: anything Stan Lee writes turns to gold and becomes an instant classic. At least that's the case with RAVAGE 2099 #1.

I had high expectations for this title and they were easily met. Stan has expanded upon the vision of the future that Peter David started in SPIDER-MAN 2099 and has done it with creativity. Ravage's personality and character have already been well defined in issue #1, as well as Alchemax's control over the world of 2099. Paul-Philip Ravage has already seen the light and will be instrumental in Alchemax's downfall.

I only have one fear: I read that Stan hasn't decided how long he can write RAVAGE. I don't care how, but Stan had better remain on this book. No writer can tell a story the way he does. The way Smilin' Stan leaves us cliff-hanging is superb, just like it was in his 1960's heyday. I have a feeling that Ravage will be the next big thing; who knows? I bet when Stan created Spidey in the early 1960's, he didn't think that the web-slinger would still be around today!

Paul Ryan also did a startling good job on pencils. While Keith Williams gave Paul's stuff a different feel than Dan Bulanadi's inks on the F.F., the art still proved breathtaking. Paul's landscape and backgrounds are great! Sometimes it isn't good to continually compliment everyone and everything, but this book deserves it. Stan Lee's return to comics says that Marvel 2099 isn't a cheap, promotional ploy. Something special is going on.

Joey Marchese
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Something special is going on, Joey!

MORE OF MARVEL 2099

SPIDER-MAN 2099 #5 Spidey vs. the Specialist...and the Public Eye Isn't picky about who wins!

DOOM 2099 #3 The most awe-inspiring issue yet! Trust us!

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